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SUBJ: NEW MINISTER OF ECONOMY: FERNANDO LENIZ CERDA

REF: SANTIAGO 4906, PARA 21

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. APPOINTMENT OF FERNANDO LENIZ CERDA, A CIVILIAN, AS MINISTER OF ECONOMY, REPLACING GENERAL ROLANDO GONZALEZ ACEVEDO, WHO REPORTEDLY WILL BE AMBASSADOR TO PARAGUAY, WAS ANNOUNCED OCT 10. LENIZ WAS SWORN IN OCT 11.

2. BIOGRAPHIC: LENIZ IS 46 YEARS OLD, MARRIED TO RAQUEL MEZZANO, AND HAS NINE CHILDREN. HE RECEIVED DEGREE OF CIVIL ENGINEER FROM UNIVERSITY OF CHILE IN 1949. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS, AND OF THE CHILEAN INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (ICARE--INSTITUTO CHILENO DE ADMINISTRACION RACIONAL DE EMPRESAS). HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF INTERAMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FORESTRY CONSERVATION OF FAO (CONSEJO INTERAMERICANO ASESOR DE LA DEFENSA FORESTAL), PRESIDENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION SERVICE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING (INACAP--INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE CAPITACION PROFESIONAL--CHILE), AND MEMBER OF BOTH INTERAMERICAN

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AND NATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATIONS. HE HAS ALSO HELD POSITIONS WITH

PAPER AND CARTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY (PAPELERA) AND
WITH NATIONAL ELECTRIC COMPANY (ENDESA - EMPRESA NACIONAL
DE ELECTRICIDAD S.A.).

3. FROM 1966 TO 1970 HE WAS GENERAL MANAGER OF "EL MERCURIO"

PUBLISHING ENTERPRISE AND FROM 1970 TO PRESENT HAS BEEN PRESIDENT
OF BOARD OF SAME. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: LENIZ HAS BEEN BUSINESS MANAGER
OF THE EDWARDS' INTERESTS IN CHILE, CENTERED IN "MERCURIO" CHAIN,
SINCE DEPARTURE IN 1970 OF AGUSTIN EDWARDS UPON ACCESSION TO
POWER OF UP. HE HAS NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE BEEN INVOLVED IN
EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES. LENIZ IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY.
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